

WASTE FROM ACTIVITIES,

WASTE FROM AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERY

Data on waste are provided by three statistical surveys carried out in accordance with *EC Regulation No. 2150 of 25.11.2002 on Waste Statistics*. The surveys relate to:

- Waste from the activity of economic subjects (excluding those from agriculture);
- Waste from agriculture, forestry and fishery;
- Municipal and construction waste.

The Regulation specifies the list of wastes and the economic activities, on which are reported representative data at national level.

1. Purpose, nature and relevance

The main objective of the statistical survey on waste from activity is to provide information on quantities of waste generated by all economic activities, excluding homes and what happens to them. The quantities of waste are indicated which is transmitted to other companies for further processing or disposal, and the quantities exported.

The main objective of the statistical study on the waste from agriculture, forestry and fishery is to provide information on quantities of waste from agriculture, forestry and fishery. The quantities are indicated of waste to be transferred to other enterprises for further processing or disposal and the quantities exported.

2. Coverage and sources of information

Statistical surveys on waste are with an annual periodicity and represent sample surveys, coupled with comprehensive survey on certain economic sectors and activities. For the first survey sample is selected on the basis of number of employed, and for the second one - based on the revenues of the company. Data are presented by all companies, subsidiaries of companies, agencies and other legal entities at whose activities are generated, recovered, disposed, collected or separated wastes. Data obtained from the sample are spread to the national level using weighting by revenues and employed. These data are supplemented with information from the ExEA about enterprises with permits for waste, incl. data on hazardous waste obtained by the National Automated Environmental Monitoring System (NAEMS).

3. Definitions of indicators

The survey use indicators and definitions adopted in the Waste Management Act were adopted ('State Gazette', No. 86 of 30.09.2003).

Waste is a substance, object or part thereof, which the holder disposes of, intends to dispose of or is required to dispose of, and falls at least into one of the categories listed in Waste Management Act.

Waste from own activities recovered at the site of their formation are not included in the amount of waste generated.

Hazardous waste is waste whose composition, quantity and properties pose a risk to human health and the environment, have one or more properties that define them as dangerous and/or contain components that convert them into dangerous and/or are identified as such according to the *Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal*.

Recovery and disposal are the **operations**, to which wastes are subjected:

3. Classifications and nomenclatures used:

- List of waste (Annex № 1 to Art. 5, para. 1 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1.04.2004 on the classification of waste, promulgated by the Minister of Environment and Water and Minister of Health, SG, No. 44 of 25.05.2004);
- European Waste Catalog;
- Nomenclature of disposal operations, according to Art. 8 of the Supplementary Provisions of the Waste Management Act (SG, No. 86 of 30.09.2003)
- Nomenclature of recovery operations, according to Art. 17 of "Supplementary provisions of the Waste Management Act (SG, No. 86 of 30.09.2003).

4. Deadlines and ways of dissemination of the survey results

Deadlines for disseminating the results of statistical surveys on waste from activity and waste from agriculture, forestry and fishery are specified in the *Calendar for the presentation of the results of the statistical surveys carried out by the National Statistical Institute*. The data is published once a year as final data. The survey results are published on NSI website – www.nsi.bg and in the following publications:

- "Statistical Yearbook"
- Publication "Bulgaria – Statistical Panorama"
- Publication "Environment"